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Review of MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the achievements/performance of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) during the last three years and the current year and if so, the details and findings thereof;

(b) whether any State-wise appraisal has also been done during the said period, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether there is any proposal to further simplify and strengthen the provisions related to/involved in the procedures under MGNREGS, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard and the time by which it is likely to be done;

(d) whether the States have complied with the Supreme Court"s order to inform the Government about the expenditure incurred by them in the current financial year so far in implementing the MGNREGS in their respective States, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(e) whether the States have provided minimum days of employment as stipulated under the scheme, if so, thedetails thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to plug the loopholes and for better and effective implementation of the MGNREGS in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a)&(b): The Ministry has established a comprehensive system of monitoring and review mechanism for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA). The Scheme is regularly reviewed in the Performance Review Committee meetings, Video conferences and Regional Review meetings. State specific reviews are also undertaken from time to time. Officers of the Ministry and National Level Monitors also visit various districts to oversee the performance of MGNREGA. During these reviews, the implementation aspects that need strengthening are identified including the areas for improvement in the quality of assets.

(c): For simplifying and strengthening procedures, annual Master Circular 2016-17 covering all the directives/instructions issued by the Central Government to the States/UTs for effective implementation of MGNREGA has been prepared and circulated to State Governments/UTs.

(d): The States/UTs keep the Central Government informed of expenditure incurred by them on implementation of MGNREGS from time to time.

(e): The MGNREGA provides a legal guarantee for 100 days of employment in a financial year to every rural household whose adult members including rural youth, volunteer to do unskilled manual work. Not less than 100 days of employment are provided to registered workers including rural youth, upon receipt of their demand. The number of days of employment provided to a household depends on the number of days of employment demanded by the household. State/UT-wise details of average man-day's generated under the MGNREGA during last three years and the current year are given in Annexure-I.

(f) The major steps taken by the Government to improve the programme implementation under MGNREGA are given in the Annexure-II.

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